Intraduction of Private Sector in Postal Sehvises

2014. SHRI V. RAJESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to introduce private sector into the postal services;

(b) if so, to what extent and what are the details thereof;

(c) whether introduction of private sector in postal services would increase the efficiency of the postal services;

(d) which are the foreign countries which have private sector in postal services; and

(e) what is the reason for not introducting the private sector into postal services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a) above.

(c) No studies have been conducted in this matter.

(d) Government is not aware of any such practice in foreign countries.

(e) The Post Office Act 1398 confers exclusive privilege on the Central Government for carrying letters. It, however, does not impose any restriction on conveyance of other articles like packets and parcels by private sector or other government organisations like the Railways.

Revenue earned from Telecommunication and Postal Service

2015. SHRI GOPAL SINH G. SOLANKI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the revenue earned by Government from telephone, posts and telegraph services, district-wise, during 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94; and

(b) the amount spent on these services during the above period in these districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) to (b) In the Department of Telecom. revenue and expenditure figures are not maintained "district-wise". These are maintained "Secondary Switching are a Wise". A secondary Switching area may or may not conform to a "district" as is commonly understood in the State Government. Similarly in the Department of Posts, these figures are maintained Head Post Office Wise, and not "District-wise". Revenue and expenditure figures SSA Unit wise in the case of Department of Telecom. and Head Post Office wise in the case of Department of Posts will be collected from subordinate offices and these will be laid on the Table of the House if desired.

Deation of a Corporation for Postal Department

2016. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any suggestions for opening new post offices; if so, what are Government's plans in this regard;

(b) whether it is a fact that postal authorities are likely to be offered autonomy by creating a Corporation; if so to what extent the powers of post offices will be extended;

(c) whether it is a fact that the postal labour unions are opposing the formation of a Corporation and privatisation; if so; what are the reasons thereof; and

(d) whether Government propose to introduce a Bill to replace the century-old Post Offices Act to give more powers to the Department of Posts and Telegraphs?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI SUKH RAM): (a) Suggestions for opening post offices are received from time to time from various sources. These are examined keeping in mind departmental norms regarding distance, population and income and where justified, post offices are opened subject to availability of resources and allocation of targets.